

The light nuclei spin structure from hadronic channels at intermediate energies

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The investigation of the d , ^3H and ^3He spin structure has been performed at the RIKEN(Japan) accelerator research facility and VBLHEP(JINR) using both polarized and unpolarized deuteron beams. The experimental results on the analyzing powers studies in dp – elastic scattering, $d(d,^3\text{H})p$ and $d(d,^3\text{He})n$ reactions are presented. The vector and tensor analyzing powers for dp – elastic scattering at 880 and 2000 MeV are obtained at the Nuclotron(VBLHEP). The result on the analyzing powers A_y , A_{yy} of the deuteron at 2000 MeV are compared with relativistic multiple scattering model calculations. The data on the tensor analyzing powers for the $d(d,^3\text{H})p$ and $d(d,^3\text{He})n$ reactions obtained at $E_d = 200$ and 270 MeV demonstrate the sensitivity to the ^3H , ^3He and deuteron spin structure. The essential disagreements between the experimental results and the theoretical calculations within the one-nucleon exchange model framework are observed. The wide experimental program on the study of the polarization effects in dp – elastic scattering, dp –nonmesonic breakup, $d(d,^3\text{He})n$, $d(d,^3\text{H})p$ and $d(^3\text{He},^4\text{He})p$ reactions using internal and extracted beam at Nuclotron is discussed.

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1 Introduction

The main goal of the investigation of the reaction induced by the polarized deuterons is to establish the nature of $2N$ and $3N$ forces, the role of the relativistic effects and nonnucleon degrees of freedom. The last decades such investigation were performed at different experiments all over the world at RIKEN, KVI, IUCF and RCNP. This activity was stimulated by the discrepancy of 30% between the measured cross section for deuteron-proton(dp –) elastic scattering at intermediate energies and the Faddeev calculations using modern potentials of nucleon-nucleon interaction.

2 Experimental results

The research program on the light nuclei structure investigation at the Nuclotron includes experiments using both internal and extracted polarized deuteron beams.

The study of the energy dependence of polarization observables for the dp – elastic scattering and deuteron breakup reaction are conducted at internal target station(ITS) setup. A detailed description of the experiment can be found in [1].

The deuteron analyzing powers measurements in dp - elastic scattering have been performed at ITS using polarized beam from polarized ion source (PIS) POLARIS at the energies 880 and 2000 MeV. The beam polarization measurement has been performed at 270 MeV where the precise data on the tensor and vector analyzing powers exist.

The results on the angular dependence of the vector A_y and tensor A_{yy} analyzing powers in dp – elastic scattering at 2000 MeV are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The data obtained at Argonne National Laboratory(ANL) are presented by the solid symbols. Open squares and circles are the data obtained at the ITS and at hydrogen bubble chamber at JINR, respectively. The dashed and solid lines are the results of the relativistic multiple scattering model calculations [2] with and without the double scattering term. The full calculations are in a reasonable agreement with the data.

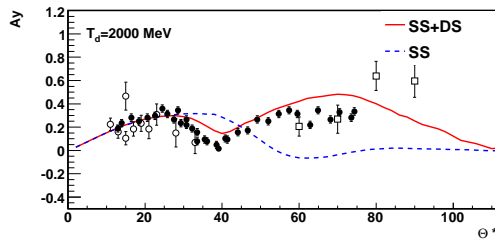


Figure 1: Vector A_y analyzing power in dp -elastic scattering at 2000 MeV. The symbols and curves are explained in the text.

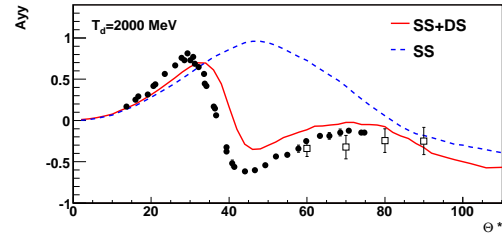


Figure 2: Tensor A_{yy} analyzing power in dp -elastic scattering at 2000 MeV. The symbols and curves are the same as in Figure 1.

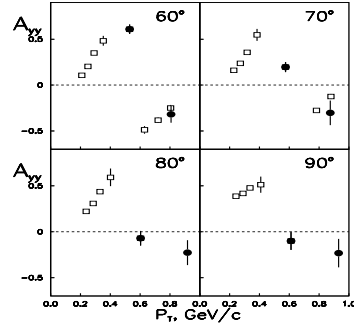


Figure 3: Tensor A_{yy} analyzing power in dp -elastic scattering obtained at the fixed angles of 60° , 70° , 80° and 90° in cms as a function of transverse momentum p_T . The symbols are explained in text.

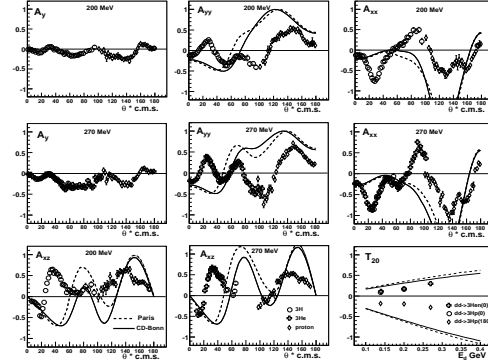


Figure 4: The analyzing powers data in $d(d, {}^3\text{He})n$ and $d(d, {}^3\text{H})p$ at 200 and 270 MeV. The curves are the calculation within one-nucleon-exchange approximation.

The dependencies of the tensor A_{yy} analyzing power in dp -elastic scattering obtained at the fixed angles of 60° , 70° , 80° and 90° in the cms as a function of transverse momentum p_T are shown in Figure 3. The open and solid symbols represent the data obtained at RIKEN, Saclay, ANL and at the Nuclotron, respectively. It would be interesting to extend the range of the measurements to larger p_T , where the manifestation of non-nucleonic degrees of freedom is expected.

Figure 4 presents the analyzing powers results in the $d(d, {}^3\text{H})p$ and $d(d, {}^3\text{He})n$ reactions obtained at RARF(RIKEN, Japan) at 200 and 270 MeV. The details of the experiment can be found in [3]. The solid and long-dashed curves are the result of ONE calculations using CD-Bonn and Paris deuteron and ${}^3\text{He}$ wave function, respectively. One can see that ONE calculations are in the qualitative agreement with the data on the T_{20} . The analyzing powers behaviors are not reproduced by ONE model. The reason of this discrepancy can be in the inadequate description of the $3N$ -bound state spin structure and/or more complicated reaction mechanism. The multiple scattering calculations are in progress now.

3 Future plans

Future plans of DSS (Deuteron spin structure) - collaborations in spin studies are related with the construction of new polarized deuteron source. The energy scan of the dp -elastic scattering observables and measurements of the analyzing powers in dp -nonmesonic breakup will be done using internal target and polarized deuteron beam from new PIS. The dp -elastic scattering and dp -nonmesonic breakup cross section measurements can be done with the current unpolarized ion source as the first step. The dp -nonmesonic breakup reaction will be investigated at ITS at the Nuclotron using $\Delta E - E$ techniques for

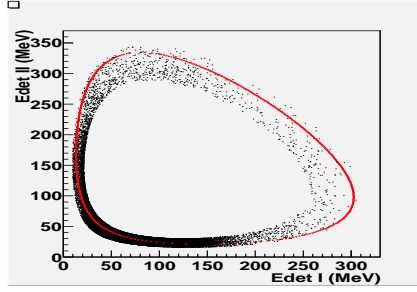


Figure 5: The correlation of the $\Delta E + E$ information from 2 proton detectors in case the dp -breakup reaction investigation at 500 MeV. $\Theta_1 = 34^\circ$, $\Theta_2 = 29.8^\circ$, $\phi_{12} = 180^\circ$

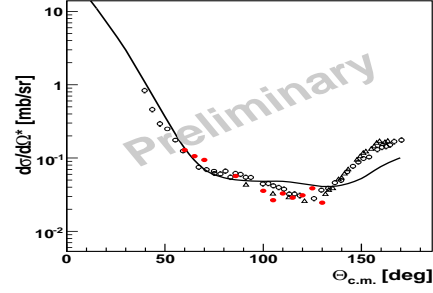


Figure 6: The results on the angular dependence of the dp -elastic cross section obtained at 880 MeV at Nuclotron in March 2011. World data at 850 MeV and 940 MeV are marked by the open triangles and circles, respectively.

the detection of two final protons. Figure 5 presents the correlation of the $\Delta E - E$ information from 2 proton detectors. A kinematic relation are shown by the solid line. The preliminary results on the angular dependence of the dp -elastic scattering cross section obtained at 880 MeV at the Nuclotron in March 2011 are presented in Figure 6 by the solid symbols. They are compared with experimental data obtained at 850 MeV and 940 MeV given by the open triangles and circles, respectively. Solid line are the result multiple scattering model calculations [2].

The first line experiment with the extracted polarized deuteron beam for new PIS is the spin observables study for the $^3H(d, p)^4He$ reaction at the energies 1.0-1.75 GeV, where the contribution from the deuteron D-state is expected to reach the maximum.

New experimental data will ensure the important information about the light nuclei spin structure at short internucleonic distances, where the relativistic effects and 3N forces play an important role.

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